(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Operation Black Board Scheme would be subsumed in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) from the next Plan period, commencing from 1/4/2002. The liability of salary of teachers appointed under the Operation Block Board (OB) Scheme would be transferred to the State Government concerned, including Assam, after the Ninth Plan.

(c) The amount sanctioned and released to Assam for payment of salary to teachers appointed under OB scheme during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

1999-2000	-	1141.03
2000-2001	-	2305.79

The State Government was asked to pay salary to teachers appointed under the OB scheme, for which funds had been released as above. No funds were released during 2001-2002, as the State Government had unspent balance towards payment of salary.

The State Government has now informed that the unspent balance towards payment of salary has been released in February 2002 for payment of salary to the OB teachers.

(d) and (e) Under the scheme of Operation Blackboard, the salary of teachers appointed under the scheme will be reimbursed by the Centre only till the end of Five Year Plan period in which the appointments are made. Al the end of the Five Year Plan period, liabilities with regard to teacher salaries are transferred to the State Government.

Welefare Schemes for women in Andhra Pradesh

231. SHRI SOL1PETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of women welfare scheme under implementation;

(b) the details of voluntary organisations getting grants from Government for the welfare of women in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the criteria for sanctioning such grants; and

(d) what are Government's observations on the performance of voluntary organisations in implementing welfare schemes in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The details of various Women Welfare Schemes being implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development is provided at Statement-I (See below).

(b) As at Statement-Il *(See* below).

(c) The common criteria for getting such grant is that the organization should be registered, should not work for the profit of its members and should have experience for working for the development of women. The other criteria varies according to the norms of the schemes.

(d) As in other States, the performance of Voluntary Organisations in Andhra Pradesh is mixed. While some organisations are doing well, others are not doing so well.

Statement-I

Schemes for women walfare under the Department of Women and Child Development

1. The Department of Women and Child Development provides assistance through two schemes. Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) and Women's Economic Programme (NORAD) to programme implementing organizations i.e. Women's Development Corporations, Public Sector Corporations and Voluntary Organisations to train poor and needy women, with the objective of providing sustained employment

2 The Rashtriya Manila Kosh provides financial assistance to Voluntary Organisations by loan only. The various schemes being run by RMK are Self Help Group Development Scheme, Loan Promotion Scheme, Main Loan Scheme, Revolving Fund Scheme Marketing Finance Scheme, Nodal Agency Scheme, Food Credit, Death Relief and Rehabilitation Scheme, Credit for Land Purchase, Land Redemption and Land Leasing Activties and Food Credit.

3. The Central Social Welfare Board conducts Copdensed Course of Education for Women, Awareness Generation Projects for Rural and Poor Women, Family Counselling Centres, Working Women Hostel, Creches for Children of Working Mothers, Shorty Stay Homes for Women and Girls, Vocational Training/NORAD Programme, Mahila Mandal Programmes and Welfare Extension Projects.

4. The Scheme for assistance for construction/expansions for Hostel Building for Working Women and Day Care Centre for Children seeks to provide suitable, safe and inexpensive accommodation to women residing in places away from their home towns. Voluntary Organisations, Women Development Corporation, Universities, Schools, Colleges, Social Work, Local Bodies, Cooperative Institutions, State Governments and UTs are eligible to receive grant under the Scheme.

The details of all the schemes of Women and Child Development are available on internet at www. wcd.nic.in

Statement-II

Details of Voiuntary organisations getting grants from Government for the welfare of women in Andhra Pradesh

Name of the Scheme	1991-99			1999-2000			2000-2001	
	No. of Projects Sanctioned	No. of Benf.	Amount Relea-sed	No. of projects Sanc-tioned	No. of Benf.	Amount Relea-sed	No. of Projects Sanc-tioned	No of Benf.	Amount Released
NORAD	41	1920	54.65	41	9190	19.16	42	1900	125.74
CSWB	47	1225	6S.67	57	1425	72.17	70	1225	47.71
STEP	1	500	240.58	1	500	151.59	1	600	37.38
WWH	3	124		-		2	200	-	
SSH							23	-	69.66

incidence of rape and child abuse

232. MISS MABLE REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of rape and child abuse are on die increase in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and